

## Hot Spots in Erie

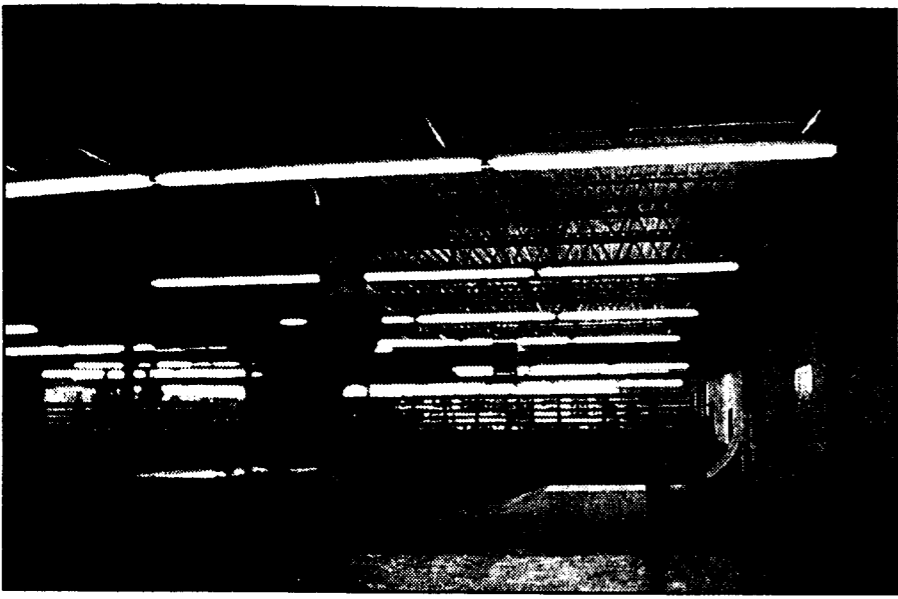


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Joe Wilmoth performs a frontside boardslide at Shebang Skatepark.

## Shebang Skate Park

by Ben Kundman  
editorial page editor

How many times have you awoken from a drunken stupor at 4 p.m. on a Sunday afternoon wondering where your weekend went? If you're sick and tired of being blacked out every weekend all weekend, I suggest you sober up and dust off your skateboard, BMX bike, or fruit boots, and head on over to Shebang skate park.

That's right, Erie has its' very own indoor skatepark. Clocking in at 19,000 square feet, Shebang is by far the largest skatepark in the area. Shebang boasts a 7ft spine, a 4ft high, 32 ft wide mini with a 41/2 ft E, a rhythm section for bmxers, a pyramid, a 4 ft street spine, as well as various wallrides, sub-boxes and quarter pipes. There is also a fully stocked pro shop with BMX parts, skateboards, shoes, snowboards, and accessories.

Designed more for BMXers than skaters, Shebang gets a 6.5 on the patented Ben Kundman "Hesh vs. Fresh" scale, (10 being hesh, 0 being fresh). The mini ramp is mellow enough to allow even the most transition phobic tech-dog a chance to hone his or her tranny skills. Overall, from a skateboarding

perspective, I say the park gets a 7/10 for skateboarders, and from what BMXers have told me, 8.5/10 for bikes. I try to avoid talking to fruitbooters at all costs, but they seem to love it there.

Shebang skate park is located at 2411 W 12<sup>th</sup> street, next to Dunn Tire. For hours, rates, and other information, visit <http://www.shebangskatepark.com>.

If you're looking to avoid little kids whose only talent is getting in your way, I suggest hitting up the \$5 8-10 p.m. session Monday-Thursday nights. (It's also \$5 Friday and Saturday nights but they're both rather hectic). \* "Hesh" skaters are generally a more rugged bunch, with chain wallets, dirty old clothes, tattoos, and cases of Highlife in the trunk. Their skateboarding usually involves big transitions, concrete (when possible) and big airs.

\*\* "Fresh" skaters are usually outfitted in the latest gear: swishy pants, DCs, and whatever shirt is in style that month. Their skateboarding usually consists of technical flatground tricks like switch 360° flips, ledge tricks, and the occasional gap or handrail. (Of course most skateboarders fall somewhere between "hesh" and "fresh" but these represent the two extremes).

## Students involved in SIN



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The Studio Theatre crew under the direction of Tony Elliot will perform the comedy "SIN," which premieres Feb. 15 in the Studio Theatre. Pictured from back left are Lasette Miskis, Luka LoDico, Steve O' Donnell, Ryan Stare, and Thad Esek; From front left are Sundeeep Bhatia, Dan Lucey and Lori Frietz.

by Karl Benacci  
features editor

SIN, a comedy/drama by Wendy MacLeod, opens on Feb. 15 at the Studio Theatre.

The play is set in San Francisco on the eve of the 1989 earthquake. "SIN" is a contemporary morality play featuring "Avery Bly on High", a helicopter traffic reporter who is trying to keep herself above life's messiness. Avery says, "from the sky the world is perfect," but on the ground she is surrounded by people who are less than perfect. Her soon-to-be-ex-husband is a charming alcoholic, her roommate is a glutton, she's trapped daily on a helicopter with an envious co-worker, and her blind dates are disasters. It takes her dying brother to make her see that pride is the deadliest of sins, and it takes an Act of God to bring her back down to Earth.

Performance dates are Feb. 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 17 and 24 at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets go on sale at the Reed Union Building Information Desk (RUB Desk) starting Monday.

## Through the Looking Glass

the weekly column that asks if there is intelligent life out there

by Mike Pingree  
KRT Campus

"A pattern seems to be emerging"

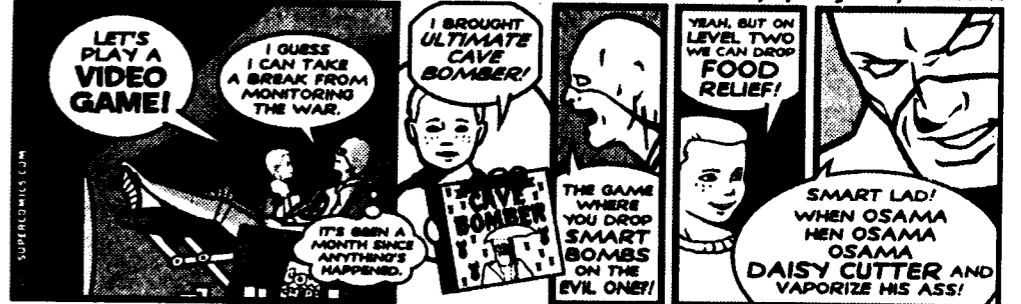
A 55-year-old Maryland woman's two husbands and a lover all died violently, and police say she enticed the second and third victims to kill their predecessors and then threatened potential witnesses with voodoo.

Her first husband was shot to death in 1974. Charges against her and her boyfriend were dropped after witnesses failed to testify. She got \$16,000 in life insurance and married the boyfriend.

He died in 1990. Charges against her and her next boyfriend were also dropped because witnesses wouldn't testify. She got \$50,000 in insurance payments.

That boyfriend was killed in 1996. She got \$95,000 in insurance. Her current boyfriend has been convinced that he should testify against her.

### CAPTAIN RIBMAN - War Games

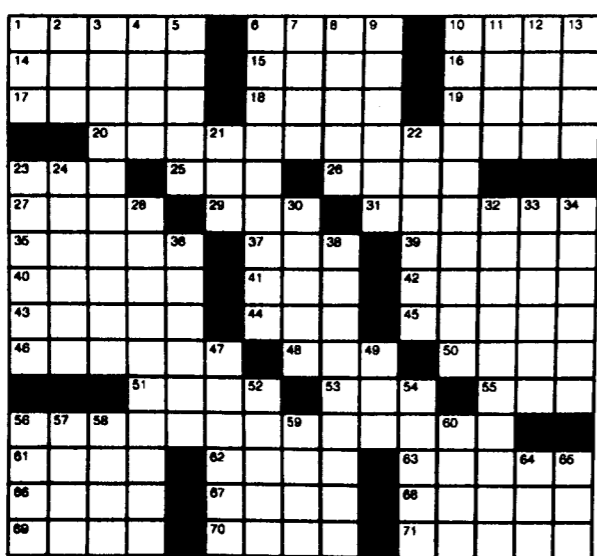


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## Crossword

- ACROSS
- 1 Family men
- 6 Quarrel
- 10 Lake in Lombardy
- 14 Tall's missile
- 15 Lomond, e.g.
- 16 Throat-clearing sound
- 17 Sierra
- 18 Whit
- 19 Outer edges
- 20 Caller's index
- 23 Fermented drink
- 25 Once around the track
- 26 Nevada resort
- 27 Highest quality
- 29 Male sheep
- 31 Mental health
- 35 Patch roads
- 37 Neon or radon
- 39 Excessive enthusiasm
- 40 Became alert
- 41 Historic period
- 42 Knockout gas
- 43 Stable mothers
- 44 Command to Fido
- 45 Memorize
- 46 Method
- 48 Broadcast
- 50 gin fizz
- 51 Foremost position
- 53 No vote
- 55 Tick on
- 56 Breakfast cereal
- 61 Icyl coating
- 62 Asp victim, briefly
- 63 Legal defense
- 66 Quechuan ruler
- 67 And
- 68 Was a candidate
- 69 Villainous Uriah
- 70 Discharged a debt
- 71 Country near Fiji



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### Solutions

- 5 Nifty
- 6 Performance declines
- 7 Fiddlesticks!
- 8 Player
- 9 Macbeth's peers
- 10 Adds fizz
- 11 Indiana neighbor
- 12 Brief note
- 13 Trans-Siberian RR stop
- 21 Auditory organ
- 22 Glossy paint
- 23 General Craighton
- 24 Allowance
- 28 Be a tall guy
- 30 Operatic soprano Callas
- 32 Half a breath
- 33 Steering linkage piece
- 34 Told tales, informally
- 36 Add grass to greens
- 38 Sri Lankan export
- 47 Zany
- 49 Collegiate cheer
- 52 Perry's secretary
- 54 Dough raiser
- 56 tzu
- 57 Make a point
- 58 Track event
- 59 Lucy's husband
- 60 Choir voice
- 64 Small marsh
- 65 State north of Nev.



## Recipes for You!

### Baked French Fries

- Ingredients:**
- 4 baking potatoes (sliced into strips with pan spray)
  - salt & pepper (add to taste)

1. Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Soak potato strips in ice water for 15 minutes.

2. Pan spray two 9x13-inch cookie sheets. Drain potatoes, pat dry, and place on cookie sheets. Bake for 30 minutes, or until golden. Salt and pepper to taste.

We want your recipes! Send your submissions to [behrcol15@aol.com](mailto:behrcol15@aol.com). Don't cop out and raid your mom's recipe box. We want recipes from college students, for college students!

## DITHERED TWITS

by Stan Waling



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